

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

“Make a Joyful Noise”

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Salvation Army~~

The Salvation Army Gene Eppley Camp is located at 915 Allred Road, south of Bellevue. During the summer, camp is offered for older adults, boys and girls. The camp's emphasis is service, music and sports.

Dorothy Jane Johnson, a member of Fontenelle Chapter No. 249 attended the Older Adult Camp—Thanks for the Memories. She had the opportunity for Bible study and participating in group discussion. Time allowed them to choose musical activities and other classes—drama, puppets and learning to play hand bells.

The mission of the Salvation Army's camping program is to serve the needs of the campers, physically, socially and spiritually. Each camper has an opportunity to contribute and receive from a group living experience. To meet spiritual needs the campers are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with God.

Dorothy Jane also does Salvation Army volunteer work at the Dora Bingles Senior Center where she helps with Food Service.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:
A GREAT ATTITUDE!

From our tree



You should see our tree now! It is all decked out with sparkling lights and lots of bright RED ornaments.

This past month we flew to Tulsa to look in on the General Grand Chapter Assembly. I think we counted 82 of our Nebraska Friends that we saw there and many of them were busy taking part in the Assembly. Four of our good friends came home with appointments to serve the General Grand Chapter for the 2009-2012 Triennium: Past Grand Matrons, Sisters Carole DeMoss, Ambassador to the Philippines; Jill Ramsey, Eastern Star Journal Committee; Jan Thoman, Membership Committee and Betty Kirby, Service Dog Committee.

That's right, one of the projects for the next triennium is support of facilities that raise and train service dogs—but it does not frighten us, because we met a service dog there in Tulsa and he was very polite and friendly—not at all like some of the dogs in our neighborhood!

We are all ready for the Christmas season and send our best wishes to all Nebraska members for a wonderful Holiday season—“Make a Joyful Noise”—and remember to check your bird feeders and leave us a little water—that's so important in the winter.

Curtis, Christie, Ring, Ding and Ling



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The Grand Secretary has notified the Worthy Grand Matron that she has reached the age to qualify for full Social Security benefits and according to our Grand Chapter Bylaws will be ineligible for election at the next Grand Chapter Session. As this is a salaried office, a recent change to the Grand Chapter Constitution now allows any Past Matron or Past Patron to request information from the Grand Trustees regarding salary and benefits relating to this office. Any interested Past Matron or Past Patron may submit a resume which will be furnished to the voting members prior to the Election of Grand Officers at the Grand Chapter Session next May. To facilitate the printing and distribution of these resumes the Grand Chapter office requests that if possible the resumes be submitted no later than April 15, 2010. **Please note:** Those who may submit resumes are not the only members eligible for election to this office. Any Past Matron or Past Patron is eligible for election to any Grand Chapter office. Please call the Grand Chapter office (1-800-832-9320) or the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Brother Mike Donham at 402-558-9032 if you have questions.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:

Deadline for submitting resolutions to be considered at the next Grand Chapter Session: FEBRUARY 10, 2010.

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

✓ One of the goals of the Publicity Committee this year is to set up a group email whereby those members who desire to do so may receive their monthly OES NEWS via email. If you are interested in receiving the OES NEWS via email, send your name and email address to:

[nebraskaoes@msn.com](mailto:nebraskaoes@msn.com)

## ESTARL COMMITTEE:

Are you ready for ESTARL Month? Your ESTARL Committee is including brochures in this mailing for your use in helping promote ESTARL in your Community during the month of January. You have been wonderful to assist us in the past by finding those members of your community who are studying for a religious vocation. We hope you will see that every church in your community is aware of ESTARL. Call the Grand Chapter office if you need more brochures.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

This month please see the enclosed sheet from your Grand Chapter Membership Committee to help formulate your “Chapter Membership Action Plan 2010”. Why not set a goal of holding at least one activity or event relating to each of the



“Three R's”  
**Retention,  
Recognition,  
Recruitment.**

# Enclosed with this OES News-----

- ❖ A “Summary” of the resolutions which have an effect on Nebraska that were passed at the 2009 General Grand Chapter Assembly in Tulsa, November, 2009. Business conducted on the General Grand Chapter level does affect the Chapters in Nebraska. Be sure to share this information with your members.
- ❖ Informative brochures from the ESTARL Committee to be distributed in your community to help promote our ESTARL Program. Your Secretary will receive two brochures intended for distribution and your Worthy Matron will receive one for distribution and one intended to help inform our membership about ESTARL (good to give to your new members). Call the Grand Chapter office and let us know how many additional brochures you will need to effectively promote ESTARL in your community.
- ❖ The 2010 “Membership Action Plan” from the Grand Chapter Membership Committee. Email Ellen Ott, Chairperson of the Membership Committee if you need ideas or if you have ideas to share with other Chapters: aeott@hotmail.com



## *Grains from the Past*

*Preserving the Past; Preparing for the future*—

Since this is the month when I reached the age of full Social Security benefits and am no longer eligible to be elected your Grand Secretary, I thought I'd look into the year of my birth, 1943, and see what happened then! I did not look far into that Proceedings book, because on the very first page was a picture of an “American Red Cross Clubmobile”—a Station Wagon type Ambulance. The caption under the picture informed me that FIVE of these vehicles were presented to the American Red Cross for service overseas. They were all purchased with funds contributed by members of the Subordinate Chapters O.E.S. in Nebraska. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Mary Finch indicated in her report that the project started with a letter sent out to the membership asking for a fifty-cent contribution from each member—not unlike our “buck per member” campaigns of recent years. “The response far exceeded our highest hopes,” was her description of the results of the project. The report of the Grand Secretary indicated that a total of \$10,000 was raised for the Red Cross Project. I hope you feel as proud of our history as I did when I read this. I'm hope those who will read the history we are making will be proud of us as well!

## THE OES CARDINAL CALENDAR PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JANUARY NEWS BY DECEMBER 15, 2009

- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Friendship Night, Herman Chapter No. 216, Herman. Soup Supper preceding the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dessert following the meeting. Call Kim at 402-456-7510 for reservations by November 25<sup>th</sup>
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Herman Chapter No 216 Installation of Officers, 7:30 pm, Hwy 75 & 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- Jan 15-17..... Nebraska OES School of Instruction, 2424 S. 135<sup>th</sup> Ave., Omaha
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> ..... OES Annual Reports and per capita dues due in the Grand Chapter Office.
- Jan 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Narcissus Chapter No. 269 Open Installation, 7:30 pm, 5903 Maple St., Omaha
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> ..... AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 Installation, West Omaha Masonic Temple, 2424 S 135<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Adah Chapter No. 52 Installation, 2 pm, 84<sup>th</sup> & Centennial, Papillion
- Feb 3-6 ..... Grand Lodge, Holiday Inn, Midtown, Grand Island
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Resolutions to be presented at the 2010 Session

The General Grand Chapter Membership Committee will be presenting the Rob Morris Membership Jewel to those who earn points by signing petitions for new members. The new application form is now on our website: <http://neoes.org>. Secretaries—make a list of those in your Chapter who have signed petitions during the past three years, as these points will carry over into this triennium.

## CALL THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE

**Ritual Assistants List:** Please keep in mind as you prepare for your Installations that Nebraska has a “Ritual Assistants List”—those members across the state who have volunteered to assist Chapters in need of help with Ritual work. If you'd like your name added to or removed from this list please contact the Grand Chapter office. This list will then be placed on the web-site for your convenience.

**Introduction Cards:** If you will be planning to do introductions at Installation or any special meeting that you have, an updated set of Introduction Cards is available. Call the Grand Chapter office for a set. The cards are similar to those brought out by your District Grand Supervisor last year at her School of Instruction.

**Call the Grand Chapter Office—402-727-8644 or 800-832-9320**